

KEEPING WATCH

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A rig rgad po circumambulated the Jo khang the whole night. As soon as the door opened in the early morning, he entered the Jo khang and sat on the floor across from the Jo bo.

"I am so happy to see you," A rig rgad po said.

The Jo bo image smiled in return.

"My feet ache from walking, but you are still smiling!" A rig rgad po said. He continued, "If you've got nothing to say, keep an eye on my shoes. Please don't lose them. They are my only shoes. I'll be right back."

A rig rgad po then took off his shoes, put them on the Jo bo's legs, and went outside to continue his circumambulations.

A bit later, the temple manager was shocked to see a pair of shoes placed on the Jo bo. Just as he was about to throw them away, the Jo bo said, "Please don't throw them away, pure hearted man. A rig rgad po asked me to watch them."

The temple manager was delighted that the Jo bo had spoken and then obediently put the shoes back where they had been.

A rig rgar po eventually returned, took his shoes, and said, "I came back for my shoes. I know you are trustworthy. Thank you!" He then put on his shoes and happily returned to his home.

NON-ENGLISH TERMS

jo khang བྱକ୍ଷଣ

jo bo བྱକ୍ଷ

mtsho sngon མତ୍ତେ ଶଙ୍ଗ

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